

WOOL-GRASS
Scirpus cyperinus

Located in wet meadows and swamps throughout the Division. Also known as Clump-head Grass.

A perennial sedge forming dense tussocks with many curving basal leaves arising from stout rootstocks. Stems are nearly round in cross section (slightly triangular), smooth, stiff, leafy; 1 to 1.5 m high. Leaves are long, narrow and rigid; 3 to 5 leaves (15 to 30 cm long) arise near the top of the stem at the base of the spikelets; the base of these leaves often brown or black. The small (3 to 6 mm long) oblong, blunt-tipped spikelets occur in clusters of 3 to 15 at the ends of slender (often down turned) stalks; spikelets becoming wooly at maturity; fruiting from August to October. Many races exist differing in spikelet formation.



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